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Admiral George W. Anderson, Jr.
Chief of Naval Operations
Department of Navy
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Admiral Anderson:

It is my very great pleasure to bring to your attention an instance, in my opinion, of extraordinary cooperation rendered by Navy personnel to officers of this Agency who were embarked on a high priority and highly sensitive effort.

The unit to be commended is Beach Jumper Unit No. Two of the CINCLANT AMPHIB Command who, to a man, were cheerfully cooperative at all times. The personnel to be particularly commended are the Unit's commander, Cdr. Max H. Lasell, Lt. (jg) Clair R. Hershey, and Lt. (jg) John Randall, who were the officers most intimately connected with the activity.

A close liaison relationship between officers of this Agency and Beach Jumper Unit No. Two had already been established dealing with matters of mutual interest. An urgent requirement had arisen calling for testing of new devices designed by this Agency. For reasons of security and expediency, the support of Beach Jumper Unit No. Two was requested informally. In spite of the fact that the testing was hazardous, Cdr. Lasell immediately reached the conclusion that the effort was of advantage to United States interests as well as being in consonance with the mission and interests of his Unit.

In spite of untoward circumstances frequently occurring in testing of this nature which caused Cdr. Lasell and his staff considerable difficulty, he never wavered in his effort to support our requirements. While for security reasons it

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is impossible to specify the assistance rendered by Cdr. Lasell and his Unit, my officers were deeply impressed by his unwavering attitude of cooperation to achieve the necessary test data.

As a result of this effort, the timely development of an effective device was accomplished. The admiration of our officers for Cdr. Lasell, his men, and his Unit continues today. Beach Jumper Unit No. Two and our officers continue to have a mutuality of interests which is served well in intricate matters of sensitive and items by team work and inter-service cooperation. This liaison is still being maintained very fruitfully; therefore, I am particularly happy to notice this instance and to call it to your attention.

Faithfully yours,

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